SECOND UNIT OF NTPC FARAKKA

2686. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) embarked on the second 500 MW Farakka unit, if so whether there will be takers for the power generated the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that in view of the poor off take of power generated by Farakka Super Thermal Power Projects (FSTPP) existing units, there have in recent times been serious doubts on the fate of the second unit, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have Government taken or propose to take so that all its power generated is taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) The second 500 MW unit of Farakka Super Thermal Power Project (FSTPP) is under implementation by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC). The unit is expected to be synchronised during the last quarter of the year 1993-94. Allocation of power from FSTPP is yet to be finalised.

(b) The second unit is programme to be synchronised with the grid as per schedule.

(c) Difficulties faced by the National Thermal Power Corporation towards inadequate demand of power in the Eastern Region and in the operation of the 500 MW unit of Stage-II have been brought to the notice of Eastern Region Electricity Board (EREB). The EREB has been requested to examine the existing demand potential and strengthening/ create transmission, evacuation facilities to other regions including to Southern Region.

SHORT FALL IN POWER SECTOR

2687. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the likely short-fall in the power sector, demand, vis-a-vis supply, at the end of the 8th Plan;

(b) what is the projected investment during the 8th Plan and gap in investment to meet the projected demand at the end of the current plan;

(c) what is the projected investment in public and private sectors including foreign investment; and

(d) the number of agreements signed, investment involved and quantum of electricity generation anticipated in various sectors and the likely cost of genevation per MW ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) Based on an envisaged capacity addition programme of the 8th Five Year Plan (1992—97) of 30537.7 MW and demand as per the 14th Electric Power Survey conducted by Central Electricity Authority, estimated an energy shortage of 9 per cent and peaking shortage of 20.7 per cent in the terminal year of the 8th Five Year Plan.

(b) The approved outlay for the power sector for the 8th Plan is Rs. 79,589.32 crores. It is envisaged in the 8th Plan document that the gap between the required investment and the approved outlay will be reduced to some extent by addition of new capacity in the private sector.

(c) and (d) Proposals have been received for setting up of 72 power projects in private sector amounting to 30518.5 MW costing Rs. 96562 crores. 33 of these proposals are from foreign investors (including NRI and joint ven-

ture proposals) for a capacity additions of 21289 MW costing Rs. 69471 crores. Initial agreements have already been signed for the above projects by the promoters of the projects with the concerned State Governments|SEBs.

The average cost per MW for the private power projects cleared by CEA recently is as follows :

(i) Gas based power projects—Rs. 3.65 Cr|MW.

(ii) Coal based power projects—Rs. 3.03 Cr.MW.

(iii) Hydel Power projects—Rs. 2.68 Cr|MW.

DUES TO BE PAID TO THE POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA BY STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD

2688. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some State Electricity Boards are not paying the outstanding dues to the power grid Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total outstanding dues from State Electricity Boards (SEBs) to Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) as on 30-11-1993 is Rs. 479.2 crores. The state-wise details of these outstandings is given in the Statement-I (See below). The main reasons for these outstandings are—poor financial health of State Electricity Boards and disputes raised by SEBs regarding the principals adopted earlier for formulation of tariff.

(c) and (d) Action taken by Government to realise the outstanding revenue includes—(i) directives to SEBs to ensure prompt payments; (ii) notices by Powergrid to all major defaulting States; and (iii) arbitration by CEA of disputed dues.

Statement

Dues to be paid to thePowergrid Corporation of India Limited by SEBS

Sl. No.	States	Outstandings as on 30-11-1993
1	2	3
		(Rupees in lacs)
NR		3102.94
1.	J&K	170.56
2.	HPSEB	36.45
3.	PSEB	277.30
4.	HSEB	361.30
5.	RSEB	471.46